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1. The tank units of the Czech army consist of:
  - a. Tank Corps, with HQ at Olomouc (the only tank corps in the Czech Army), which is composed of:
    - 1) 11th Tank Brigade, stationed at Vyskov (P49/N71).
    - 2) 12th Tank Brigade, stationed at Sternberk (P50/N86).
  - b. No. 1 Tank Regiment, stationed at Stranice. This regiment was formed at the beginning of 1949 and does not form part of any higher tank unit.
  - c. 21st Tank Brigade at Zatec (N51/F10).
  - d. 23rd Tank Brigade, "Irdiny Jana Panny", stationed at Stranice nr. Rokycany (N50/L24). This brigade was to be transferred to Milovice between 20 August and 10 September 1949.
2. The following two tank units were dissolved as fighting units on 15 April 1949:
  - a. 14th Tank Brigade, previously stationed at Turciansky Svaty Martin. All its materiel and equipment were handed over to the 21st and 23rd Tank Brigades. It is not known whether its HQ will continue in skeleton existence for mobilization purposes.
  - b. 22nd Tank Brigade, previously stationed at Vyskov. Its tanks were handed over to the 21st and 23rd Tank Brigades, and its other vehicles to the 11th Tank Brigade. The skeleton HQ and staff (for mobilization purposes) remain at Vyskov. The complete reforming and reequipment of this brigade within the next two years is planned.
3. The Tank Corps at Olomouc is equipped with T-34/85 tanks and 20 Type IV tanks. The latter are old German Mark IV tanks which this unit received in September 1949.
4. No. 1 Tank Regiment is equipped with 70 Type IV tanks. The C.O. is Colonel Cap.

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5. The 21st Tank Brigade is equipped with 110 to 120 Cromwell tanks. The C.O. is Colonel Micicek.
6. The 23rd Tank Brigade is equipped with:
- a. Tanks
    - 1) 110 Cromwell tanks
    - 2) 10 Challengers
    - 3) 8 Stuarts ( [ ] with 37 mm guns) 50X1-HUM
  - b. Other equipment:
    - 1) Unspecified number of type 98 German rifles
    - 2) 150 heavy M.G. (type "Beza")
    - 3) 60 light M.G.
    - 4) 60 Stan guns and German M.P.
    - 5) [ ] radio set in each tank 50X1-HUM
7. The 23rd Tank Brigade has 3 battalions, each of which has 2 companies:
- a. 1st Battalion: C.O. - Major Jan Muncar [ ] 50X1-HUM
    - 1) No. 1 Company: C.O. - Lt. Josef Lazinka [ ]  
Strength - 110 men  
Equipment - 10 Cromwell tanks
    - 2) No. 2 Company: C.O.-Lt. Kovarik [ ]  
Strength - 110 men  
Equipment - 10 Cromwell tanks
  - b. 2nd Battalion: C.O. - Major Jan Muncar
    - 1) No. 3 Company: C.O. - Lt. Pachm [ ] 50X1-HUM  
Deputy C.O. - Lt. Jakoby [ ]  
Strength - 110 men  
Equipment - 10 Cromwell tanks 50X1-HUM
    - 2) No. 4 Company: C.O. - Captain Vladislav Musil [ ]  
Deputy C.O. - Lt. Josef Matousek [ ]  
Strength - 110 men  
Equipment - 10 Challenger tanks
  - c. 3rd Battalion: This has only skeleton personnel ("ramcovy") for mobilization purposes. Equipment: 70 Cromwell tanks.

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